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## ATHLETICS

### More than a game at Bryan

Few school-related activities get the pulse pounding like a good athletic contest.

Whether it's a soccer team racing up and down a green field, or a basketball team elbow to elbow under the basket straining for a rebound, athletics is a significant part of the college experience.

The Bryan College experience.

Dr. Sandy Zensen, athletic director and head soccer coach, believes Bryan's athletic program complements the college's mission of "educating students to become servants of Christ to make a difference in today's world."

"Being a part of Bryan College, our mission statement has got to extend to what we do in athletics," Dr. Zensen said. "If we're not helping in that process, I'm not sure we can justify our existence here."

And, for that matter, an athletic program is an expected part of the college experience.

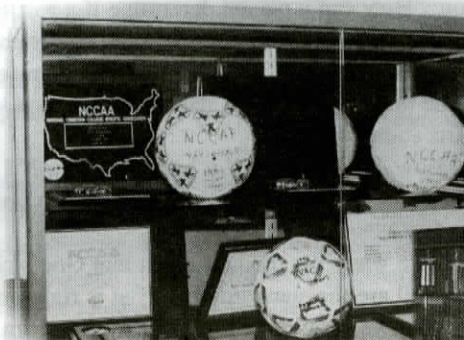
"It's part of our culture, our society. It has something to do with campus life, providing an identity for our students," the coach said. "It has to do with being ambassadors for the college and provides for us a stage on which to promote the college and ultimately the kingdom of God."

"I cannot envision a college in our culture without some form of athletics."

It seems that Bryan students couldn't imagine that either. Some 135 students, approximately a quarter of the student body, participate in one or more of seven varsity and two junior varsity sports. These include varsity soccer, basketball and tennis, plus JV soccer and basketball, for the men, and soccer, volleyball, basketball and tennis for the women.

For the student-athlete, intercollegiate athletics may offer a variety of rewards, but one factor seems to draw each to his or her sport — a love for the game.

Melody Owens, a member of the Lady Lions soccer team, received her



Christian education degree from Bryan in May, but elected to take more classes so she could use another year of eligibility. "For me, I love athletics and want it to be part of my life as much as possible," she explained.

Oliver Street is a member of the Lions' soccer team who plays "because I love the sport." But he also recognizes "soccer is my window of opportunity to get an education."

Jill Reeves, who plays both soccer and basketball, plays because "It's part of my life. I thrive on the competition and performance."

And Bryan Anderson, a member of the basketball team, realized a life-long goal when he made the Lions' squad. "Since I was a kid I have wanted to play college ball," he said.

But they also realize they are here to get an education.

Dr. Zensen is proud of the fact that for the past nearly 10 years "we are averaging about 10 Academic All-Conference or All-Americans per year.

This means they earn at least a 3.5 grade average (on Bryan's 4.0 scale) and letter in their sport. They're doing the job in the classroom."

At the same time, the coaches and athletes understand they are doing more than simply competing on behalf of the college — they are representing Christ. Women's soccer Coach Marc Neddo said it was a particular encouragement to see this played out on the soccer field this season.

"We never got a yellow card all season," he said. "A lot of the non-Christian teams asked, 'are you Christians?' They noticed the girls were out there for more than to win a game, that there was something greater than the game. That was neat."

Bryan Anderson said he has seen this aspect of athletics since he has been playing at Bryan. "I used to look up to older guys playing college ball, and now I guess I'm in a situation where

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## 40 years ago, the story was similar

by Tom Kemner, Vice President for Advancement

Recently, my friend Tex Williams, '53, sent me a copy of the October 1949 Bryan Newsette (for you youngsters, that was the news publication of the day). A percentage of that issue was devoted to the building project of the current Administration Building, which ended up being over 40 years in various stages of construction.

An article entitled "Urgent Needs" began this way: "Four months of the 1949-50 fiscal year have passed and we lack \$1,525.08 of meeting our \$3,000 monthly income budget for this period. With the increased expenses of a larger staff it is important that we receive \$4,525.08 for operation during October. Our building fund gift income has barely kept pace with expenditures. We are expecting to receive the shipment of steel joists any day, and when it arrives, \$4,384.06 will be needed to pay for the joists."

One might be tempted to belittle the challenge of the day. After all, the college survived. Those dollar figures do not astound us. But survival in 1949 called for faithful sacrifice as the Lord directed.

The story of the loaves and fishes gives us an incredibly valuable

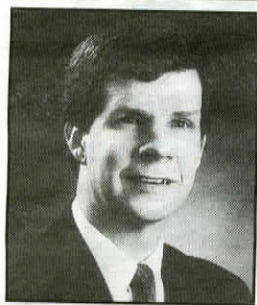
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Students help themselves at the buffet table as they enjoy their first official meal in the new Student Life Center on Nov. 30. The food was prepared in the kitchen in the Administration Building and brought to the new cafeteria. But when the fall semester ends, workers will move equipment to the new building and set up the kitchen for full service beginning in January.



# POSTMODERN MORALITY



## From the President

Dr. William E. Brown

We should have seen it coming.

For more than 30 years advertisers have tried to convince us to throw off the shackles of authority and live on the edge, to be ourselves, to have it our way. We have become accustomed to this brand of Postmodernism, which has defined popular culture.

Now, the moral confusion in American public discourse has taken a decidedly postmodern twist. With Bill Clinton hailed as our first "Postmodern President," the events of 1998 underscore the sweeping nature of the title.

Our "Postmodern" world rejects the promises of the "Modern" world that have dominated our culture since the Enlightenment. The unfulfilled hopes of scientific progress and dreams of world peace have faded into the background. The Modern experiment failed.

Postmodernism can best be described as an attempt to forget the past and ignore the future by living for the "right now." Each person is like a site on the worldwide web. Our personality and priorities can change with a click. We decide what values to embrace and store them in our list of favorites.

As a result, Postmodern morality is subjective; a personal journey where the idea of shared moral truth is meaningless. Truth with a capital "T" is transformed into truth with a personal pronoun: "my truth."

In the Postmodern scheme, appealing to God as the source of truth and morality is laughable. The results are a wide array of challenges to a biblical worldview. Here are a few examples:

### All morality is a personal choice

The reasoning:

"There is no morality 'out there;' it is all 'in here.' No one has my experiences or can understand my journey. Anyone who attempts to impose moral judgments on me is merely oppressive. Who are they to tell me how to live?"

The response:

How can we live together in our society if everyone is following his own rules of morality? It's like playing a game where all of the participants make up their own rules. Who wins? Who loses? What's fair? The result is chaos, frustration and anger.

"Choice" is the mantra of Postmodern moralists. There is no truth, no absolute morality; just definitions and personal experiences. In the Postmodern scheme, the subjective nature of truth demands that issues related to morality remain private. The same is true in public morality where a smorgasbord mentality toward morality prevails.

Publicly, this way of thinking took center stage in the early debates over abortion. The "right to privacy" clause of the Constitution was extended to take precedence over other rights and protections, including the life of the unborn child.

### Forgiveness is easier than permission

The reasoning:

"The underlying assumptions that allow me to live by my own moral code have one caveat: my rights end where yours begin. I am unaware of your moral standards, so I will follow my own moral choices until you inform me I have stepped over the line. If I do something disagreeable to you, I am sorry. I recognize that I may have offended your sensibilities and your own moral standards, but please don't condemn me. On my journey of moral awareness I need you to be supportive and forgiving, not critical or sanctimonious. You must grant me forgiveness, otherwise you are guilty of mean-spirited moral superiority."

The response:

Recently, I spoke to a large group of executives with a Christian organization. I gave them a discussion question: "How can a person determine if a particular action is right or wrong?" Their answers were troubling, almost shocking. After talking among themselves for a while they answered, "A particular action is wrong if it hurts someone else."

"How do you know if it hurts someone?" I asked. "When they tell you," they replied. "Then you just ask for forgiveness."

There was little thought given that God's character and will are the standards for what is right and wrong and that we should conform our lives to Him.

What is forgotten in this reasoning is that forgiveness and consequences are two separate issues. David honestly pleaded for forgiveness for his gross sins (Psalm 51) but the consequences for his life were devastating (2 Samuel 12-21).

### Let him who is without sin cast the first stone (John 8:7)

The reasoning:

"Maybe I've failed in your eyes, but nobody is perfect. You have failed at times, too. We are all human and I don't need hypocrites accusing me of wrongdoing when they are constantly failing. Even Jesus Christ said so. Only those who have never failed morally are worthy to criticize me."

The response:

This challenge has a greater impact because it carries an implied biblical approval and in some Bibles appears in red letters. Setting aside the obvious misuse of the passage (John 8 refers to a public execution, not a public confrontation) and ignoring the many passages which call us to correct and rebuke (2 Tim. 4:2; James 5:19-20; etc.), the demand never to judge the moral acts of others is frightening. As John Leo points out, this way of thinking is reflected in the growing numbers of college students who are reticent to criticize the acts of Adolph Hitler or Joseph Stalin.

Postmodern morality is nothing new. The worldview that removes God from the center of life results in a culture that struggles to define itself morally. When a society rejects God, it becomes, in the words of Nietzsche, "free floating;" a culture with no moral foundation, no moral center. In Postmodern morality, the arguments sound different but they are the same old reasons given to defend moral relativism, the belief that questions of right and wrong are not absolute, but dependent upon person, place, time, and circumstance. In his book, *Modern Times*, historian Paul Johnson, concludes, "All forms of moral relativism have an innate tendency to generate moral collapse since they

eliminate any fixed anchorage and launch the ship of state on an ocean where there are no bearings at all."

While Johnson was referring to the moral struggles in public policy during World War II, his words sound alarmingly current.

No wonder we didn't see it coming.



Dr. Arliss Roaden of Brentwood, Tenn., left, and Mrs. Betty Ruth Seera of Dayton, Tenn., have been appointed to the Bryan College Board of Trustees. Dr. Roaden is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and works as a consultant after a career in higher education administration, including serving as head of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, president of Tennessee Technological University and dean of Ohio State University. Mrs. Seera is a member of the Bryan Class of 1974. She is active in her church and community ministries.

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# Sen. Frist outlines challenges in visit to Bryan

Education, senior citizens and tax relief are three matters Congress will address in the coming year, U.S. Sen. Bill Frist said during a visit to Bryan College in November.

Sen. Frist met with students, administrators and community leaders during his stop in Rhea County, part of a day-long swing through East Tennessee.

But the key to successfully addressing these needs is for servant leaders to acknowledge the spiritual dimension and return to the spiritual roots of this country.

The senator said American higher education is in good shape, but problems are evident in grades kindergarten to 12. "Public education, K-12, is failing in the sense we have not captured the innovation and creativity we must to be competitive in the world arena." He cited statistics showing American seniors in high school rank 19th in the world in their mastery of science and math, while elementary students rank much higher.

"Something happens between the early grades and high school," he said, and called for an effort to reverse that trend.

In response to a question, he said Republicans believe the federal role in education must be to empower local educators to raise standards. He pointed out that "taxpayer money sent to Washington gets lost in about 400 programs. Of every dollar sent to Washington, about 30 cents gets sent back." And he called for a system to "allow some choice" of schools for students.

The Social Security problem is simple to solve, but there

must be presidential leadership to achieve that goal, the senator said. Without calling him by name, Sen. Frist said President Clinton has made great pleas to delay action on tax reform "until we save Social Security. That sounds good, but for over a year he has used that to say, 'don't touch anything.' He has

never presented a plan. He knows if you present a plan you might lose votes, and he leads by polling."

He said the Social Security program can be saved by taking "the top two percent of the 12 percent workers pay and invest it in a savings account. That's enough to fix Social Security. It never has been done, but that takes presidential leadership."

He said that plan would cost about half the projected \$1.5 trillion budget surplus over the next 10 years, and advocated using the other

half to pay down the national debt and for tax relief.

Sen. Frist said he and Sen. Pete Domenici, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, believe "we have an obligation to the youth of America and to the current working generation to let them keep a little more of the money they make every day, to invest in education, business or whatever. We expect a \$1.5 trillion surplus over the next 10 years. I believe we ought to let individuals keep a significant portion of that to invest as they see fit."

Before his luncheon remarks, Sen. Frist spoke with students



**U.S. Sen. Bill Frist, a Republican from Tennessee, visited Bryan in November and spoke to a group of students and community leaders. Pictured with Sen. Frist, center, are, from left, Stephanie Wise of Morrison, Colo., director of women's ministries; Paul Gordon of Middleburg, N.Y., student body president; Phil Jones of McMinnville, Tenn., vice president for student activities; David Ritterbush of Chattanooga, Tenn., director of men's ministries; Mitch Hoskins, student body vice president; and Marina Cruz, executive assistant.**

about his duties in the Senate, some of his priorities and how he became interested in public service. Later he spoke with local officials about their concerns involving the federal government.

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lesson in stewardship. Sometimes when I share specific dollar figures some feel their ability to give isn't relevant, thinking that the "little" they could give wouldn't matter. I think our Lord points to an entirely different paradigm — His economy is not dependent on present and future value of funds, or any other human construct. What He calls for is simple: Obedience within our ability. When we respond as His Spirit directs, the human rules don't apply.

Think about that, then consider that, in my work, I have met people I consider to be financially liberated at all levels of earthly income.

Another thought from the article...the phrase "barely kept pace" seemed to jump off the page at me. By the time this correspondence reaches you, the workmen will have completed the finish work of that portion of the Student Life Center, and we will have begun transporting the Argo's equipment to its new home. A partial Certificate of Occupancy and glossy photography can easily mislead you into complacency.

The truth is, we have a great distance to go in human terms. The phrase "barely kept pace" is highly descriptive.

Am I discouraged? No! God has enabled us to far exceed any previous horizon in our vision for Bryan College.

Is your participation relevant? Absolutely! Your prayer and your prayerful worship in giving is of the utmost value. Don't be tempted to think anything less.

## Christ offers victory over temptation

Temptation is a fact of life all believers face, but we can find victory in the cross, this fall's Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar lecturer told students.

Dr. D. A. Carson, research professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, looked at the temptation of Adam and Eve and Hezekiah to develop principles about temptation, then turned to the Book of James to offer encouragement for those facing "various trials."

Dr. Carson pointed out, from Genesis 3, that the serpent, a creature made by God, began his assault with a question. "It smuggles in the assumption, without saying so, that God's instruction is subject to our evaluation." After Eve exaggerates God's instruction, Satan contradicts God: "You shall not surely die."

"The first doctrine to be rejected is judgment. If there is no judgment, then there is no salvation for disobedience."

When Satan proposed that eating the fruit would let Adam and Eve know good and evil like God, he was "partially true and totally false. God's understanding of good and evil is from omniscience. Theirs is a knowledge of experience. In one respect, they became like God, knowing good and evil. But in another they became totally unlike God."

"The very heart of the fall is that each of them became the center of their universe. God is no longer the center of their universe. The sin was bound up with a move into the experience of good and evil by defying God. It is not simply breaking a rule, but a principled rebellion against God."

Dr. Carson said at her temptation Eve saw the fruit "was physically appealing, esthetically pleasing and mentally enriching. Here she followed her impressions rather than her instructions. And the world still offers the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life."

With their disobedience, Adam and Eve "had something to be ashamed of. This suggests there is no road back to Eden. There is, in the Bible, only a way forward to the cross, to forgiveness, to a renewed heaven and earth."

He suggested that Genesis 3 is not a model of temptation, but an explanation of what has gone wrong with the human race. "If what's wrong with the human race is a righteous, deserved punishment because of our sin, then, God help us, we need a Savior."

Turning to Hezekiah, Dr. Carson pointed out that "it is possible to be fundamentally a faithful servant of the Lord and fail miserably in the end."

"We must not minimize Hezekiah's abilities. He was a great man. He was willing to trust the Lord. He was willing to crush the idolatry that had raised its head in the land. He realized that the serpent Moses had made had become an idol, so he smashed it. And yet, he ended badly."

"As long as you are in this world there will be temptations, struggles, fights. Some of you will be targeted by the bitterness of failure; some by the arrogance of success. It is essential to fight on all fronts for one's whole life. Real Christians stick. Real Christians have the grace of perseverance."

He said believers, particularly successful leaders, face temptations in four areas — false priorities, self-righteousness and self-importance, pride and complacency.

Christians cannot afford to believe the whole cause of Christ depends solely on one person. "Most of us go through life worried that people won't think enough of us; Paul worried that people would think too much of him."

He quoted a comment by Carl F.H. Henry when he was asked how he managed to avoid becoming proud of his

accomplishments: "'How can anyone be arrogant when he stands beside the cross.' Do you want to end well? Resolve to stand beside the cross all the days of your life."

Christians face the possibility of persevering through trials or of failing the test, but Dr. Carson suggested James 1 gives us the key to victory.

Trials come to help us develop perseverance. "The athlete perseveres to develop perseverance. So the Christian. You cannot learn endurance unless you experience troubles. Consider trials joys because they are developing perseverance and perseverance is developing character."

Dr. Carson said the reward for withstanding the test is the crown of life. "The Christian is constantly living with eternity's values in view. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on that heavenly life. Is this reward theology? Yes, but it's not merit theology."

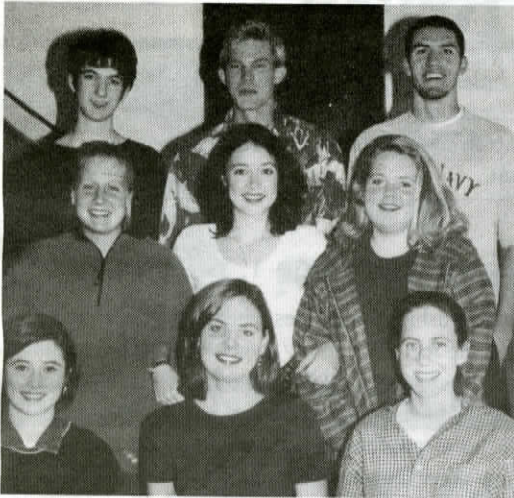
Trials, he said, are opportunities to go forward with God, but if we allow ourselves to be tempted, they can become temptations to fall back.

"There is something in us that wants that sin (involved in a trial). The text (James 1) says each person is dragged away from his own evil desire. Never get into the habit of blaming God. Get into the habit of facing your own responsibility."

Finally, he encouraged believers to remember the cross when feeling alone and crushed. "Do not forget God's goodness. God doesn't change. He is never other than perfectly good."

"When you are tested to despair, when the heavens seem bronze, when you're not sure anybody loves you, remember the cross because He chose to give us birth through the Gospel. Do not forget God's goodness."





Fourteen students from Bryan College were named to the 1999 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Students were nominated for the honor by a vote of the faculty based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Those selected for *Who's Who* include, from left, front, Emily Keja of Creekside, Pa.; Lorraine Gonce of Kingsport, Tenn.; and Christina Wilhoit of Dayton, Tenn. Second row, Julie Brasher of Friedrichshafen, Germany; Beth Phillips of Dayton; and Cheryl Wood, a friend of those inducted. Back are Bethany Toliver of Dayton; Mark Anderson of Grants Pass, Ore.; and Philip Jones of McMinnville. Not pictured are Tina Johnson of Haw River, N.C.; Vitaly Klimovich of Krivoy Rog, Ukraine; Keri-Lynn Lestmann of Dayton; Susanna Sharpe of Birmingham, Ala.; Dawn Smith of Richmond, Va.; and Sammy Walker of Dayton.

## Education majors among best in nation

Bryan College education majors scored in the top quarter of students taking the PRAXIS test for prospective teachers, according to information from the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

And in tests of general knowledge and communication skills, Bryan's prospective teachers scored in the top 15 percent of students taking the tests.

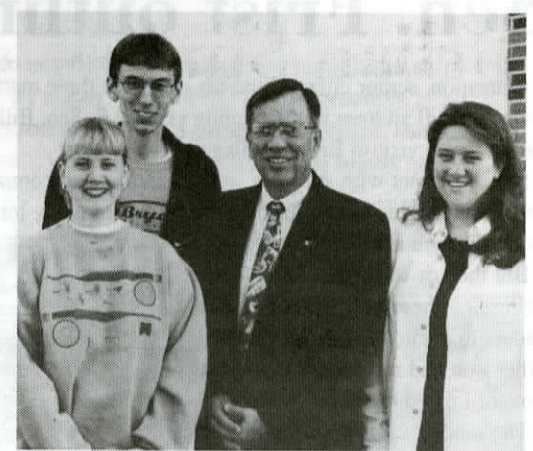
According to ETS, of the more than 21,300 students who took the elementary education PRAXIS test, Bryan ranked in the 74th percentile. Dr. Ken Froemke, dean and assistant to the academic vice president, said that means that Bryan students ranked higher in their scores than 74 percent of all students taking the test.

In the general knowledge test given to all education majors, Bryan students ranked higher than 85 percent of the 61,700 students nationwide who took the test. They also ranked higher than 87 percent of the 47,800 students nationwide who took the test of communication skills.

Dr. Froemke said the test results tell college officials they are meeting their goal of providing a quality education as measured against national standards.

And Dr. Ann Sidebotham, head of the education program, said the test results also reflect the quality of students in the program. "We get good students who are dedicated and interested in being good teachers." She pointed out that the high score on the general education test shows that prospective teachers are learning subject content, not just methods of how to teach.

Approximately 30 percent of Bryan students are enrolled in the teacher training program.



Former Alumni Director Paul Ardelean, center, is pictured with three of the five third-generation students enrolled at Bryan this fall. From left are Kim Hobbs, daughter of Carolyn Hobbs, '74, and granddaughter of Allen Jewett, '52; Tim Murphey, son of Tim, '73x, Murphey and grandson of Robert, '50, and Ruth Currie, '51x, Murphey; and Lorrell Kelley, daughter of Brenda Hay, '76, Kelley, and granddaughter of Ian Hay, '50. Not pictured are Tyler Seera, son of David, '74, and Betty Ruth Barrows, '74x, Seera, and grandson of E. Walter Seera, '68; and Sonia Samuelsen, daughter of Craig, '76, and Diane Lord '78x, Samuelsen, and granddaughter of Ralph Samuelsen, '59.

## Faculty/Staff Notes

**Dr. Stephen Barnett**, associate professor of natural science, presented a paper titled "Possible Tsunamites from the Middle Devonian Duffin Bed New Albany Shale, South-Central Kentucky," at the Geological Society of America conference in Toronto, Canada, in October. Research for the presentation was conducted in cooperation with Dr. Frank R. Ettensohn of the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

**Dr. Bill Brown** spoke at an ACSI conference in Columbus, Ohio, in October, and led worldview teams to Stone Mountain Community Church in Stone Mountain, Ga., and to a meeting of homeschoolers in Knoxville, Tenn. In November, he also traveled to Colombia, South America, and France in October visiting missionaries and speaking on worldviews.

**Dr. Richard Cornelius**, professor of English, **Dr. Whit Jones**, associate professor of English, **Dr. Ruth Kantzer**, professor emerita of English, **Dr. Raymond Legg**, assistant professor of English, and **Ms. Debra Phillips**, assistant professor of modern languages, attended the South Atlantic Modern Language Association meeting in Atlanta in November.

**Dr. Cornelius** gave an illustrated lecture titled "The Making and Remaking of Charles Darwin," on the Scopes Trial at the Maryville College Community Forum Series in October.

**Dr. David Fouts**, associate professor of Bible, and **Mr. Ernie Ricketts**, assistant professor of Greek and Bible, presented papers at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in Orlando, Fla., in November. Dr. Fouts' paper was titled "Instruction by Whom: An Evaluation of Pentateuchal Authorship," an examination of the question of who wrote the first five books of the Bible. Mr. Ricketts' paper was titled "Teaching the Epistles: A Discourse Approach." The paper presents a method for teaching the letters of the New Testament using a particular linguistic theory.

**Mrs. Marcie Froemke**, assistant professor of education, has accepted a contract from Zebra Books for two more Regency novels, to be published in 2000 and 2001. These will be her eighth and ninth novels for Zebra.

**Mr. Maxie Green**, director of technology services, and **Mr. Matt Marcus**, technology support specialist, presented a session to the Appalachian College Association Technology Summit in October on the new Hanna Technology Center and how Bryan's faculty members are applying technology in their classes.

**Mr. Dennis Ingolfssland**, director of library services, had an article published in the October-December issue of *Bibliotheca Sacra* entitled "The Historical Jesus according to John Meier and N. T. Wright."

**Mrs. LaVonne Johnson**, public services librarian,

and **Ms. Laura Kaufman**, technical services librarian, attended the fall conference of the Appalachian Library Information Cooperative at Carson Newman College in September. Mrs. Johnson also attended a training workshop for the Journal Storage project funded by the Mellon Foundation in New York City in October.

**Dr. Bill Ketchersid**, professor of history, is one of the contributing authors to the *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*, sponsored by the Tennessee Historical Society. He also attended the Southern Historical Association annual meeting in Birmingham, Ala., in November.

**Dr. William Lay**, associate professor of business, had an article titled "An Empirical Study in the Use of Mathematics in Teaching the Principles of Economics" published in *The Journal of the Tennessee Economics Association* this fall.

**Dr. John Liu**, assistant professor of physical education, has been selected as a reviewer for the *International Journal of Sport Psychology*. He also has had an abstract accepted for a Research Consortium poster presentation during the 1999 American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance National Convention.

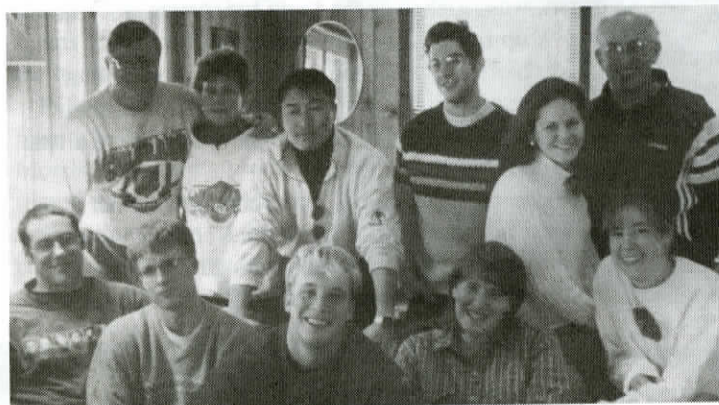
**Ann Sidebotham**, professor of education, served as an observer/reporter during a Tennessee Education Roundtable at Paris Landing State Park in November. She said the purpose of the meeting was to bring educators, business leaders and state officials together to identify and find solutions to problems facing education in Tennessee.



# 'Urban Studies' offers students look at life in central city

The sounds of traffic driving by provide a backdrop for the group gathered to study a Bible passage in a downtown church.

Suddenly, shots ring out nearby. The Bryan

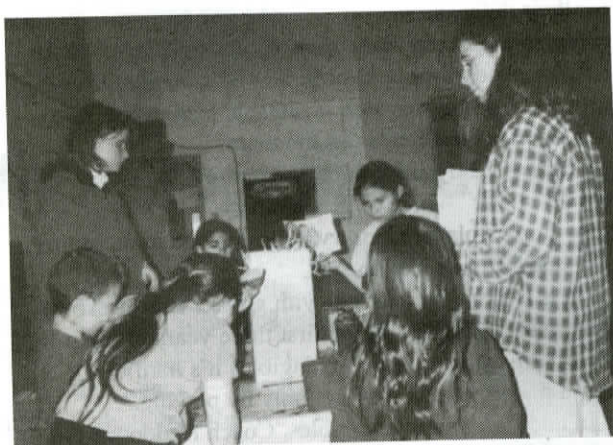


Bryan students and their Colorado Uplift staff friends and leaders are pictured during an informal moment. From left, front are students Scott Dickison, Brent Crowe, James Hutcheson, Emily Mathers and Amanda Hicks. Back are John and Margaret Jacobsen and Brandon Nguyen of Colorado Uplift, Justin Judson, Julie Trujillo and Dr. Kent Hutcheson of Colorado Uplift.

College students flinch; the local young people hardly seem to notice.

Gunshots may not have been something Brent Crowe, Scott Dickison, Amanda Hicks, James Hutcheson, Justin Judson and Emily Mathers heard every day during their semester in Denver, Colo., but they were one of the things that made Spring 1998 different from other semesters in rural Dayton, Tenn.

The six served as pace-setters for the new Urban Studies program, a joint venture between Bryan and



Emily Mathers, left, and Amanda Hicks, right, supervise a group of children during a craft activity at a housing center during their Urban Studies experience. The informal activities helped build relationships with the children and often allowed the Bryan students to share their faith in Christ.

Colorado Uplift, a Denver ministry seeking to offer hope through Jesus Christ to residents of inner-city Denver.

Bryan President Dr. Bill Brown said the idea for an Urban Studies program developed from a vision he and Dr. Kent Hutcheson, founder of Colorado Uplift, to expose Bryan students to an urban situation. "I had a desire to provide a real intense urban experience for our students, because the urban world is such a lab for worldviews, for life," he

said. "And there's not much of an urban element in Dayton, Tenn.

"In Denver, Colorado Uplift is a very well-run, effective organization in the public schools.

Assimilating Bryan College students into their program was relatively easy. Also, we had personnel available to teach the classes in demographics, anthropology and so on."

Senior Justin (JJ) Judson, an elementary education major from Powell, Tenn., summed it up this way: "It was an opportunity to get familiar with some things students here maybe hadn't been exposed to, to see that there are needs in our own country."

What they saw was people with physical and spiritual needs, and people who began to understand that Jesus loves them.

The Bryan students were housed at Colorado Christian University in Denver, and spent one day each week in classroom learning situations. The rest of the week they were in Denver public schools, helping or observing, then in relationship-building activities with young people into the nights.

"The kids had been hurt by relationships — their fathers had left them and so on," junior James Hutcheson explained. "The first couple of weeks the kids wouldn't tell us anything. We had to break down barriers."

But when those barriers broke, friendships were built and young people were saved. "It was awesome to see kids come to the Lord. Toward the end (of the semester) we saw some cry because they knew God loves them. They didn't think anybody loved them."

Those relationships were built on the basketball courts or around a crafts table where the Bryan student spent one-on-one time with the children. "One day I was playing basketball with a Vietnamese boy," James said. "After about 10 minutes I had to go inside and he told me, 'You're my best friend.' Ten minutes! A lot of the kids just don't get attention."

Amanda Hicks, a senior elementary education major from Chattanooga, Tenn., said the attention they gave the children truly was appreciated. "The kids enjoyed it. A lot of people our age in their community are into crime, are in gangs or are getting out of gangs," she said. "They value kids some, but they are not a big priority. Their priority is surviving in the world. Since we were there for them, we gave them attention."

While the majority of the time was spent in hands-on experiences, there was classroom time of their own to start each week. James Hutcheson's father, Dr. Kent Hutcheson, president of Colorado Uplift, and other speakers discussed topics



Brent Crowe, center, along with the five other Bryan students in the Urban Studies program, made a truckload of friends during his semester in Denver.

including cross-cultural communication and cultural anthropology, as well as gave homework assignments.

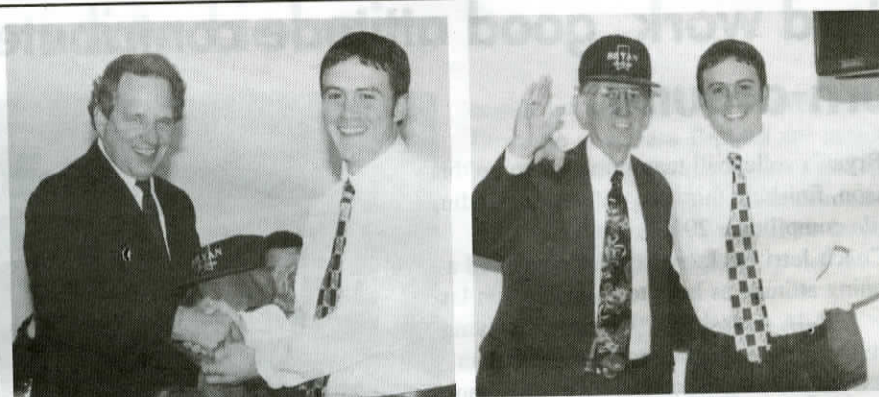
"We had to work on our journal entries every day — what went on during the day. And there was a big paper at the end," JJ said.

Urban Studies helped bridge the gap between intellectual knowledge and experience, the Bryan students said.

Although James grew up knowing about his father's work with Colorado Uplift, he had not spent much time actually getting involved. "This helped me realize I don't need to go across the seas to be a missionary. Fifteen minutes from my home there is a mission field. Whatever I do, missionary, pastor, business, I know I want to be involved with a ministry to the inner city. People there need to know the salvation message that Jesus came for them."

JJ, on the other hand, had worked in inner-city settings before. "I would like to teach in an inner

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Bryan students got to eat a meal in the cafeteria in the new Student Life Center in November and to say "thank you" to two men who were instrumental in construction of the building. In the picture at left, student body President Paul Gordon presents Jim Sattler a Bryan cap and sweatshirt. Mr. Sattler is president of EMJ Corp., the general contractor for the building. At right, Paul stands with Mack McCarley, a professional engineer who served as the college's representative in dealing with the architects and contractor. Mr. Sattler said, "What you see here is something I believe will help take Bryan College to the next plateau." Mr. McCarley said, "I have been involved in a number of building projects in my career, but this is the first in a Christian environment. What a difference! It has been a real privilege to be a part of this."



## Lions repeat as TVAC champions

Champions again.

For Coach Sandy Zensen and the men's soccer team, the second TVAC Conference championship in three years was just as sweet as the first two years ago. Even a season-ending loss to defending NAIA national champion Lindsay Wilson in the regional playoff didn't dampen their enthusiasm.

"We peaked at the right time," Coach Zensen said. "We set a goal at the beginning of the year to win the TVAC and to go back to the NAIA regional. That was the focus for the entire year, and we stayed focused on that primary goal."

He is especially pleased with the title "because the teams in the TVAC are so close, it's very competitive." And both playoff wins came on the road — a 1-0 victory over Montreat, then a 4-1 whipping of Milligan. "That was a very convincing win.

They didn't score until the 89th minute of the game when it was 4-0," he said.

A stingy defense helped the Lions reach their championship goal. Keeper Abe Hadzic finished the regular season with a .9 goals-against ratio, boosted by strong efforts by John Gosse, Tim Knox, Bryan Prudhomme, Paul Gordon and Oliver Street.

But the defense is an area of concern for next year, because of the six defenders, only Oliver will be back for the 1999 campaign. "I've started looking for defensive players, made some initial contacts," Dr. Zensen said. But he's made one decision already, to move James Hutcheson into the goal. "He'll be an excellent keeper."

The coach also praised Vinnie Castillo and Moises Drumond for their offensive output, as well as Pete Mitchell. "He stepped up his game from last year. He scored some big goals — the first goal against Milligan in the championship and a big goal against Covenant."

Tim Knox, who transferred from Tennessee Temple this year, had a major contribution on defense. "Daniel Mercato was our playmaker in the midfield and had an excellent year. Isidro Loaizra was a tough player, a tremendous defensive player. He often drew the assignment of the opponent's toughest scorer."

Rebuilding the defense is only one challenge the coach expects for next year. He intends to strengthen the schedule "to stretch our program." The Lions are slated to open against Union University, the team that won the NCCAA Mideast

Regional this year, and pick up perennial powers Brevard, (N.C.) College and Union College in Kentucky, "which has some of the finest players in the Mid-south."

In addition to the team championship, eight Lions earned post-season recognitions including Abe Hadzic and John Gosse, All-TVAC first team and NCCAA All-Mideast Regional first team. Abe also placed on the NAIA All-Mid-south Regional first team for the second year.

Moises Drumond, Isidro Loaizro and Vinny Castillo were named second team All-TVAC, and Paul Gordon, Oliver Street and Bryan Prudhomme were named to the All-TVAC Academic team.



Vinnie Castillo, left, runs toward the ball during the Lions' homecoming match with Tennessee Temple. The Lions dominated the contest to take a 9-0 victory as their contribution to a successful homecoming.

## Hard work, good attitude contribute to volleyball turn-around

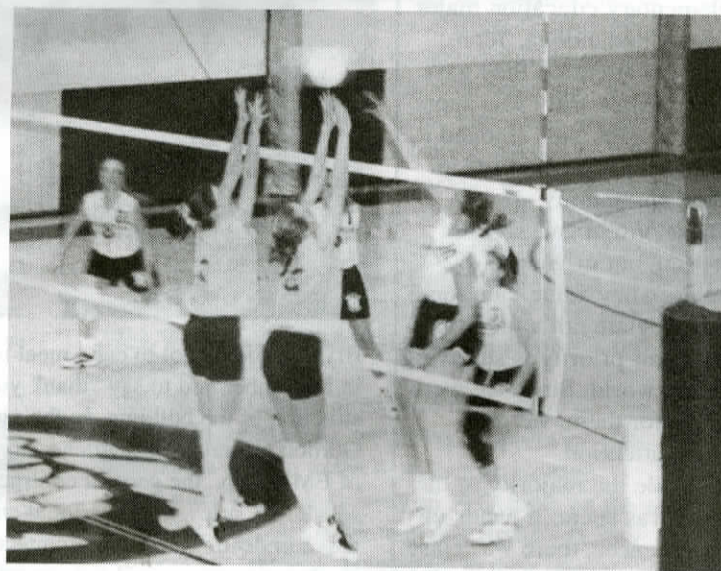
Bryan's volleyball team took a step up this season, finishing third in conference standings while compiling a 20-12 record.

Coach Jerri Beck credits hard work and a winning attitude as keys to improving on last year's 11-16 worksheet. "We started playing with intensity, expecting to win rather than just trying to win," she said. "We upset some teams early in the conference schedule and that gave the girls an idea of what there were capable of accomplishing."

One of those early upsets came over Milligan in a home match, a feat they were later to repeat on Milligan's home court, just to erase any doubts. "We hadn't beaten Milligan in years," she added.

"Last year I commented that we had a lot of people step up to fill needs. This year, Amy Lien came back after surgery last year; that

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The Bryan volleyball team improved its record to 20-12 this year, good for a third-place finish in the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference. Intense play, hard work and a winning attitude contributed to the results, Coach Jerri Beck said. The Bryan ladies are pictured at right during one of their matches.

## Lady Lions improve to 8-9 season mark

Hard work, experience and a drive to succeed helped the women's soccer team "flirt with .500" this season. That goal, set by Coach Marc Neddo before the year began, was reached as the Lady Lions posted a record of 8-9, up from 1-12-1 a year ago.

"We had more talent on the team, a good core of returning players, several in their third year so their experience was helpful, and we played a more realistic schedule," Coach Neddo said.

He commended senior Tiffin Ashworth for her aggressive offense — "Tiffin led the conference in scoring through the regular season with 22 goals" — and junior Mindy Baker and freshman Heather Hammond



The Lady Lions' soccer team played the first night soccer game in Bryan history this fall as they took on Toccoa Falls College under the lights. Large construction lights, used during late-night work on the Student Life Center, were moved to the soccer field for the event, which was played in a foggy drizzle. The Lady Lions won 6-0.

for their defense.

Freshman Becky Kalz "was the fastest player on the team, a good all-around player." And Melody Owens, a fifth-year senior provided invaluable leadership. She was the strongest leader on the team."

Tiffin, Melody and senior Amanda Hicks — "a very skilled player" — are to graduate this year. "They were three impact players I'm trying to replace in recruiting this year," Coach Neddo said.

He is looking for players with greater soccer experience than he has had in the first three years of the program. "There are a lot of intangibles it's hard to coach into a player, things they get only by playing."

In addition to the intangibles, Coach Neddo said he will be recruiting to develop a stronger midfield. "We'll be looking to build around Adrian Dewhurst and Becky Kalz, two of my best freshmen this year, and Suzanne Barber and Melissa Vaughn, who will be in their fourth year next year."

In addition to the team's won-loss record, the coach said he is particularly pleased with their conduct on the field. "I thought they represented Christ and Bryan College very well. We never got a yellow card all season."

"A lot of the non-Christian teams asked, 'are you Christians?' They noticed the girls were out there for more than to win a game, that there was something greater than the game. That was neat."



## Young basketball squad playing like veterans

The new basketball season was supposed to be a rebuilding year, as the Lions lost four seniors from the 1997-98 squad, but it seems someone forgot to tell the team.

Playing in mid-season form, the 1998-99 edition of Morris Michalski's Lions roared to a 4-1 start before wading into heart of the conference schedule.

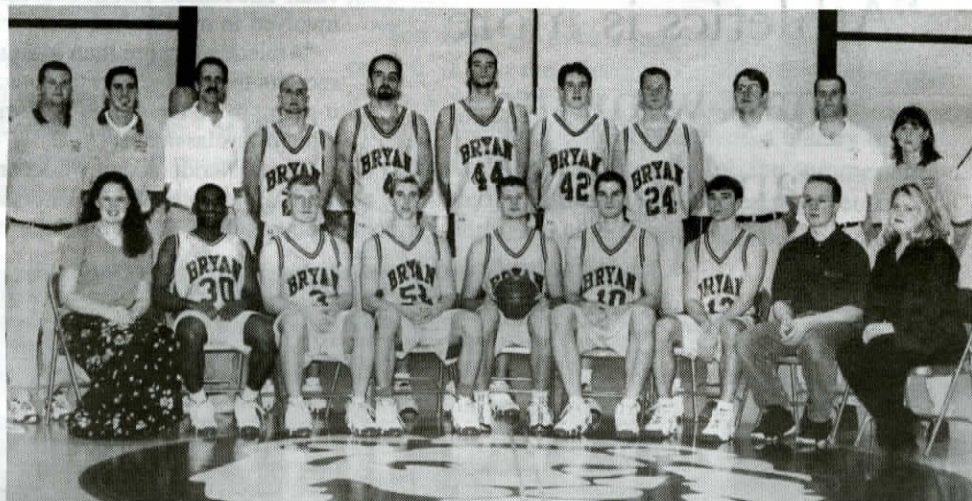
"I'm delighted with where we are at this point in the season," the coach said. "Most people would not have expected us to get off to this good a start. I'm extremely happy for our kids."

Five factors have contributed to the team's positive outlook and early good results, Coach Michalski believes. "These guys showed themselves in the pre-season that they enjoy bearing down and making the big plays. They love to compete, not just play. They mesh as a team. They're a little better defensively than last year's squad, and they have shown the heart of a lion."

These qualities were evident in the first five games of the season as they fought back to win four and come close to winning the fifth.

The coach said no single player has the outstanding athletic ability to be considered the team's anchor. "Last year's seniors had gifts and abilities that this group doesn't have man-for-man, so we really have to rely on everyone this year."

Eric Zensen has stepped into the role of quarterback and playmaker. Joshua Lien has moved from the blocks



Members of the Lions' basketball team include, from left, front, manager Martha West, Brad Anderson, Joshua Stanka, Tim Unsicker, Randy Evans, Josh Lien, Eric Zensen and managers Adam Drake and Cheryl Wood. Back are trainers Mike Weller and Daniel Fary, Coach Morris Michalski, Travis Stevens, Bryan Anderson, Jeremy Lewis, Ryan Pevey, Jason Beschta, assistant coaches Dave Lee and Daniel Carver and trainer Jan Moore.

to the wing to fill a need at that position. "He's hitting the big shots and playing good defense against smaller players," Coach Michalski said.

Randy Evans, the only senior, "is much more focused and fit this year." And Jason Beschta "works hard every day, defining a great work ethic for our team."

"Brian Anderson is our fifth starter. He has worked hard on his athleticism, and he's got to sustain this climb and keep us strong in the middle."

Not only are the starters working hard, the coach said a strong bench makes the team a double threat. "We have good balance between our starters and the bench. We have six players scoring in double figures right now and a couple more who could also. That has to make it tough on our opponents, because they can't stop one player and shut down our offense."

With the Lions off to a strong start, Coach Michalski

is trying to balance his enthusiasm with the initial results and the overall youth of the team. "I'd be happy to duplicate the number of wins from last season (16)," he said. "But it's hard to overlook the way the guys are playing now. We're not going to concede any game."

Coach Michalski is assisted this year by former Lion John Stonestreet, who also is serving as head junior varsity coach; David Lee and Dan Carver, student assistants.

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was a big help. And Tina Johnson and Cheri Stone really poured their hearts into it this year."

Cheri and Tina, both seniors, "played big roles and provided a lot of leadership. They started all four years. Theirs will be tough spots to fill."

Through the season the team improved as well, the coach said. "On our last conference weekend we played Milligan and Montreat away. When we played them at home we won both matches in five games. On the road we won both in three."

Coach Beck is beginning recruiting to replace Tina and Cheri, but expects to have Amy back next season as she completes her classwork.

Six team members won post-season honors, including Amy Lien, who was chosen TVAC tournament co-Most Valuable Player. Amy and Cheri Stone were named to the TVAC All-Tournament team.

Tina Johnson and Karen Chamberlin were named to the TVAC Academic All-Conference team.

For NCCAA honors, Cheri Stone was selected national setter of the week one week. Rhonda Bruce and Amy Lien were named to the Mideast Region All-Region team, and Jessica Miller and Cheri Stone were received honorable mention listing on the Mideast Region All-Region team. In addition, Cheri, Jessica and Amy were named to the Mideast Region Regional All-tournament team.

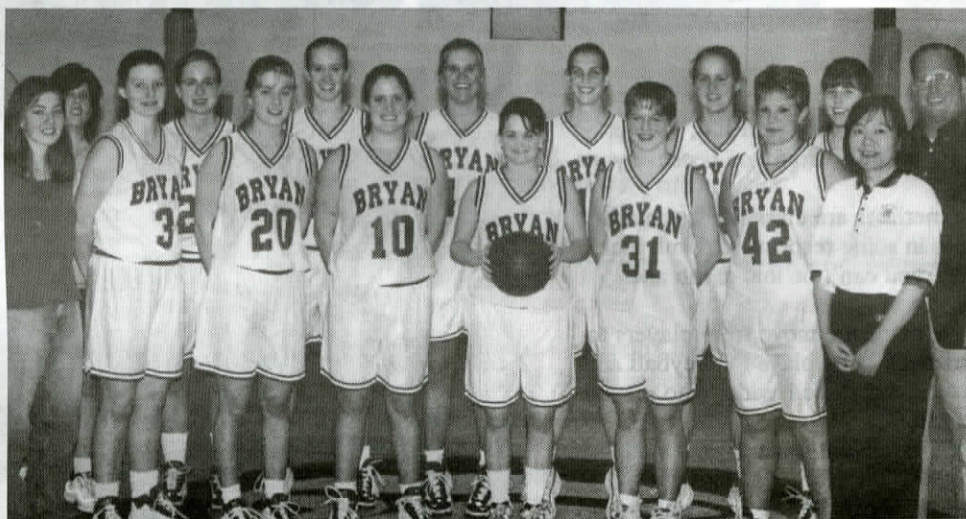
## Mao counting on improvement for Lady Lions

The present may be cloudy, but the future looks bright for the Bryan College Lady Lions basketball team, Coach Sherri Mao believes.

A young team — seven freshmen and a college transfer who has no college basketball experience, make up eight of the 12-member team. But Coach Mao is enthusiastic about the team's attitude. "The girls are working hard. We have had a tough beginning, but they haven't given up. Their performance is getting better."

She pointed out that the Lady Lions opened at Trevecca and suffered through a 60-point loss. Concentrating on eliminating costly mistakes has helped the team's performance. We have played good halves, but need to put together a whole game." She is looking for her charges to play a fast-paced game with tough defense.

Guard Jenny Mathis is the only



Members of the Lady Lions' basketball team include, from left, front, manager Tammy Doejaaren, Jordan Rees, Rachel Schmidt, Cassandra Smith, Jenny Mathis, Kelley Wesoloski, Nicki Burnette and Coach Sherri Mao. Back are Asst. Coach Jerri Beck, Dara Ballard, Sarah Cantrell, Dawn Gebbie, Jill Reeves, Robin Wedekind, Angela Persinger and Asst. Coach Jack Traylor. Not pictured are Asst. Coach Shauna Murrey, statistician Karin Traylor and student trainer Cheri Stone.

senior on the team. Jill Reeves, Nicki Burnette and Dara Ballard are juniors, but Dara has only one year of college basketball experience. Their leadership, Dr. Mao believes, will be important in providing leadership for the young team.

"I am hoping for quick improvement so we can represent Bryan well," Coach Mao said. "I'm satisfied with the attitude and effort on and off the court. In the long run, this team is going to be very strong; they can be tough."



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the younger kids are looking up to me. Sometimes athletes tend to be a role model for younger kids."

With that as well as the college's commitment to its motto of "Christ Above All," recruiting can be a challenge.

"The character of the college creates challenges," Dr. Zensen said. "It limits the size of the pond in which we fish. One does not need to be a Christian to come to Bryan College, but one has to be willing to abide by the college's Christian Life standards. That complicates the recruiting process some, because we're looking for a certain type of individual, one who will fit the environment of the school."

On the whole, he believes Bryan's student-athletes meet that goal. "As a group, they are spiritually aware and responsive. They are emotionally stable, have learned how to juggle the demands of athletics, academic, social and personal life. They get good at time management or they don't survive. They set priorities, observe restraints and work under pressure."

The athletes acknowledge pressure as a fact of life but don't seem daunted by it. "I really only felt pressured when we had a trip in the middle of the week and had to try to get some things done," Melody said. "But I felt I had more energy in season — you exercise more, you have more energy. I like that part about athletics, having my exercise scheduled in."

Still, there is the pressure to keep up academically, a challenge they take seriously. Professors, they say, are understanding when they must miss class. But in many cases, that is a grace extended to any student, not just athletes.

"Teachers here work well with athletes," Jill explained. "They know we represent the school and Christ. I think that plays a big part. But we all make an effort to work with teachers too."

And Oliver added, "I don't think athletes receive any special treatment. There is always grace if you miss class or miss an assignment because of illness, for example."

While teachers may treat them like any other student, sometimes other students have a different view.

"At times it seems you are being placed on a pedestal," Oliver said. "Other students are looking for things from you because you are more of a public figure."

Jill has noticed that athletes sometimes are classified as an athlete more than a person. "There is in some respects a 'dumb jock' attitude," she said. "But in college you can't be that dumb and play sports."

Two former Bryan athletes have made the move from players to coaches at their alma mater. Jerri Beck, who played volleyball and basketball, is head volleyball coach, and Marc Neddo, who played soccer, is the women's soccer coach.

Both agree that their experience as student-athletes was a positive one they want to pass on to their charges.

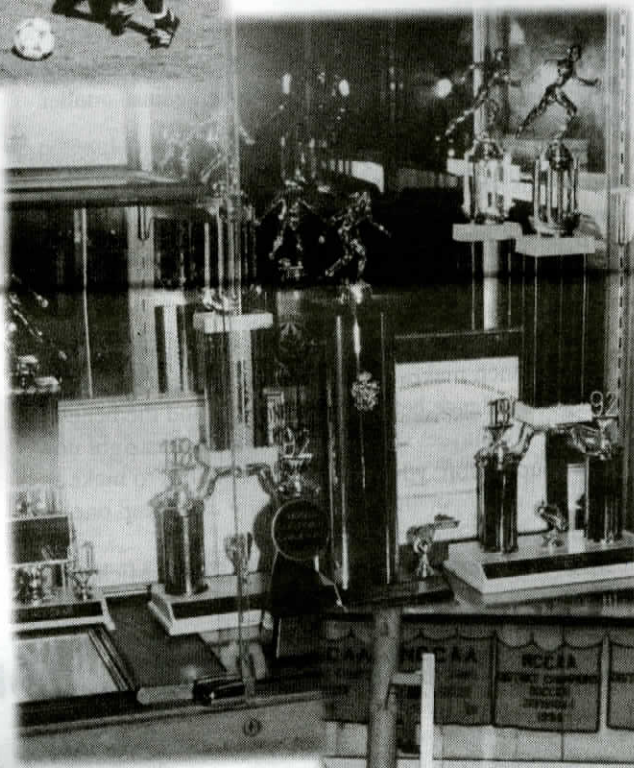
"Through athletics I learned most of my life lessons, dealing with people, failure, success. I was challenged in the Lord, having to learn to depend on Him when I didn't understand why things happened," Coach Beck said. "At Bryan, having teammates and

## "Athletics is more than winning and losing."

coaches with the perspective we have about Christ is vital. The reason I'm in coaching is the influence people involved in my life had. They challenged me personally.

"Athletics is more than winning and losing. I tell my recruits that. What you take away 10 years from now, is it going to be the scores of games or the relationships with your classmates?"

Coach Neddo added, "Soccer and other team sports helps an athlete put selfish pride and ambition in perspective. That doesn't usually come in the first year, but



as the player gets older and more experienced in the sport. It really does benefit the team if we set aside our expectations for the good of the team."

Dr. Zensen is looking for that spirit in his coaches. "First of all, I expect a model of Christ," he said. "That has to be at the top of the list professionally, in our conduct, the way we interact with student-athletes, our personal lives. How we live must extend beyond the field or court."

"There must be a consistency, a constant example. They can't just talk the talk, they have to walk the walk. It may help us win the greatest battle, the battle for the souls of men and women."

And while the personal, spiritual issue may be the primary focus, it doesn't take a back seat to striving for excellence — and victory.

"We practice to win, we play to win," Dr. Zensen said. "Excellence demands that. Excellence requires winning as well as how you play the game. Both honor God."

"At Bryan, I like to see our approach to a game as a balance between winning and character. It's not either-or, it's both."

The athletes themselves seem to share that vision. As Jill Reeves said, "Being an athlete is about using my talent to glorify God. I know most of the women view our skills as God-given talents to use for His glory. One of my personal goals on the field or court is that other people may see an attitude of Christ in me."





# Judge Puckett wants Christ to shine through his practice of law

For Larry Puckett, '73, law is what he does — a Christian is what he is.

"I would call myself a Christian who happens to be a lawyer, not a Christian lawyer and definitely not a lawyer who happens to be a Christian," he said in his office in the Bradley County Courthouse in Cleveland, Tenn. That perspective colors his approach to law, as a practicing lawyer for 17 years and now as a circuit court judge for the past year.

"When I went to law school, a lot of Christian friends seemed to have the attitude, 'Why throw in with all those thieves and robbers? How could you defend someone who is guilty?'" he said.

As a general practitioner of law in a small town, Larry did represent defendants in criminal cases, "although I never held myself out to be a criminal lawyer.

"I think the law is an ideal vocation for a Christian who is patterning his life after Christ, advocating for those who are guilty. In representing people charged with crime, I never felt I was in a position that called into question anything I believe as a Christian."

A year ago, Larry left his private practice and became an assistant district attorney, prosecuting crimes in Tennessee's 10th Judicial District. But that career didn't last very long, as Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist appointed him to the bench just a few months after his job change.

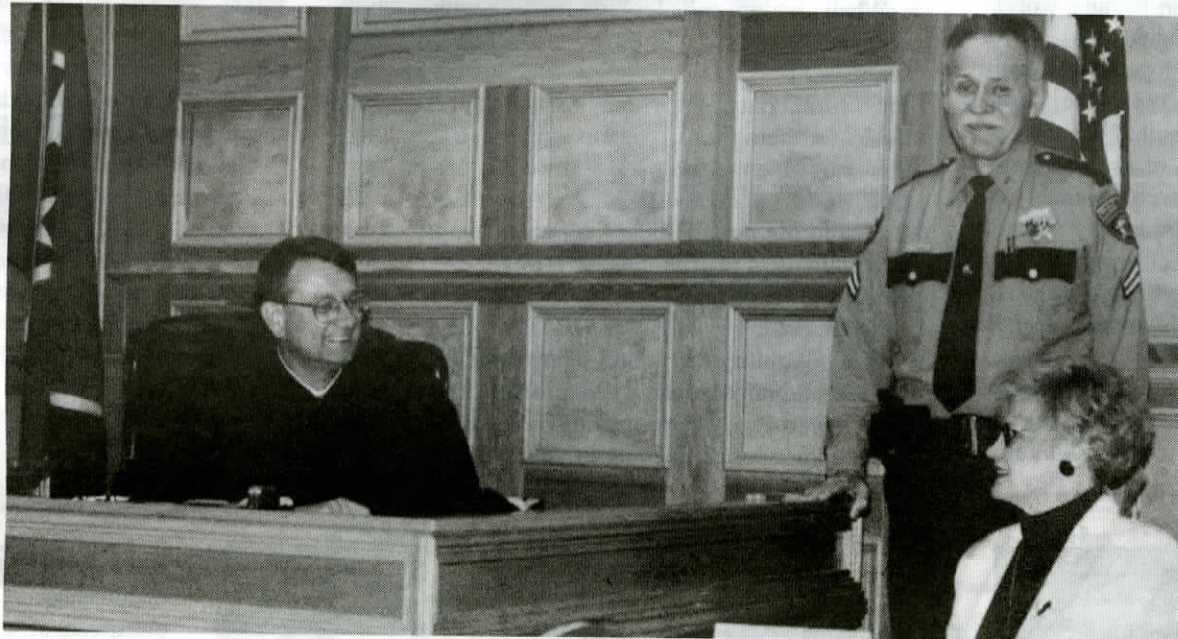
His approach to the judiciary is similar to his practice of law. "I try to be a good lawyer, to be an ethical lawyer," he said. "We have a set of rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Tennessee which govern the practice of law and govern the practice of judging. Those rules are roadmaps on how to do the job with excellence. Any Christian ought to live personally by a standard much higher than the law sets.

"I think people expect me, because they know I am a Christian, to live in accord with what I believe. When I say something, I want to be as truthful as I possibly can be, and not allow another person to be

deceived.

"You don't get to be a judge if people can't rely on you. If I do the wrong thing and it is pointed out to me, I'll do whatever I can to make it right."

His journey to the law began with a history degree from Bryan. He couldn't find a job the summer after he graduated in 1973, so he accepted an offer to become, with classmate Brent Ferguson, Bryan's first admissions counselor.



Judge Larry Puckett shares a lighter moment with his secretary, Gladys Floyd, and court officer Cpl. John Sanchez in his courtroom in Cleveland, Tenn.

It was a good thing he stuck around, because he and Patty Baker, '75, began dating in her junior year and were married the summer after she graduated. Larry considered seminary, a path his brother and brother-in-law took after college, "but I never felt the call to full-time ministry."

He also rejected the idea of graduate school in history leading toward a life as an academic. Instead, he took the Law School Admission Test and applied to two law schools in Tennessee.

"I wanted to know what the law was for my personal benefit," he said. "I wanted to know how society works, and the only way to know that was to know the legal system.

"I did want to be of use to people, to have a life where what I did daily was of significance in other people's lives.

"And I love history. I love biographies of famous men and women. I think the first biography I read

was of Andrew Jackson, then Sam Houston and Abe Lincoln. Those three were lawyers and politicians who made a difference in this country."

Larry said he was anxious to finish law school, so he concentrated almost exclusively on his studies and job as a clerk at a Memphis law firm. "I learned a lesson in law school, to be balanced; I wasn't then."

During his time in law school, Larry and Patty lost a baby. That experience "heightened our sense of what is important," he said. Since their other children — Andy, 16, Anna, 14, and Elizabeth, 12 — came along, he has balanced his work load by coaching soccer, basketball, baseball and track. The family also became active in a local church, and now is helping with a new congregation their church has planted.

"My joy is seeing people confronted with the realities of the hardships of life and sticking with the Lord," he said.

In addition to his service to church and community, Larry has kept involved with Bryan, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees since 1987.

"The Lord led me to become a

student at Bryan College, then an employee of the college, president of the Alumni Association and finally a trustee.

"The college was God's place of nurture and discipline for Patty and me during those student and employment years. God used Bryan College to prepare us for lives with meaning and purpose for His kingdom, honor and glory. Patty is teaching English, speech and drama at Cleveland High School, using her teacher certification attained through Bryan.

"Since we have received so much through Bryan College, it is a delight to be a part of sustaining the ministry as a trustee "of the school.

Maybe he wasn't called to be in a full-time vocational ministry, but Larry Puckett certainly has adopted the challenge of using his Bryan education to make a difference in his world.

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city school," he said. "I have worked at a Boys Club and Girls Club in an inner city and I like the kids." For him, the benefit of the program was personal spiritual growth, rather than a new vision.

"My faith was strengthened. The experience strengthened and refined my faith, helped me to trust God more. Sometimes I felt like quitting, but He gave me endurance."

Amanda said, "I think God is giving me a burden for kids like this. I had thought I'd be interested in teaching in an inner city school, but had only read about it. Now I've seen it; I have a better idea of what's involved."

Now that Bryan College and Colorado Uplift have a semester of Urban Studies under their belts, school and program officials are evaluating the future of the program.

Dr. Brown believes Urban Studies has a place in the Bryan curriculum. "Our mission is to 'make a difference in today's world' and today's world is increasingly urbanized," he said. "To spend a day with the vice mayor, to ride with a policeman, to see a homicide investigation, to go into the projects gives a different perspective than learning about it in a classroom from books."

This year, Dr. Brown plans to hold the program

during the summer to see if there are advantages from that perspective.

We need to consider whether to make it part of the curriculum for all Christian education majors — even to require it of all students before they graduate. We need to look at a number of options."

Whatever ultimate form the program takes, the first participants agree it has a valuable role to play for Bryan College students — and in the lives of the inner-city young people they touch.



## Career Placement working for alumni, not just students

"Career placement" to most people may mean helping students find a job after they graduate. That's true, but Bryan's Career Placement office is concerned about alumni as well.

Marlene Fouts, director of the new Career Placement office, has been busy since July 1, planning, organizing, counseling, networking — essentially doing whatever it takes to convert a formerly part-time operation into a full-service department.

Some of the early evidence of her efforts can be seen at the Career Placement site on Bryan's world wide web homepage ([www.bryan.edu](http://www.bryan.edu)).

Over the course of the year, employers send hundreds of job opening notices to the college, opportunities which are posted on the website. "We share this information with our students, of course," Mrs. Fouts said. "But we post it on the web page too so our alumni can find it as well. There is a large market for people with two or more years of experience out of college, and we want to do everything we can to give our alumni the opportunity to compete for these jobs."

In addition to the job postings — and maybe as important for workers who haven't been looking for a job for several years — is a link to extensive infor-

mation on interviewing, resume preparation and writing cover letters.

"I have been amazed, pleasantly surprised, at how much time I spend with alumni going through career changes," Mrs. Fouts said. "They are looking for help learning how to remarket themselves with resumes and interviews."

She said alumni are welcome to do this in person, over the phone or by e-mail ([careers@bryan.edu](mailto:careers@bryan.edu)), whatever is most convenient.

When an alum calls looking for help with a job change, he or she opens the door to a full range of services. "I ask, 'Do you know what you're looking for,'" Mrs. Fouts said. "I may recommend a couple of books for them to read to help guide their thinking, then they give me feedback and we explore possibilities."

"Exploring possibilities" may mean simply looking at employment possibilities, or it might even involve career testing to find a field for which one is better suited.

One possibility that is still being developed is a network of alumni who are willing to notify the Career Placement office of job openings in their companies. "If you know of an opening in your organization,

send it to us and we'll advertise the opening," Mrs. Fouts said. "That doesn't mean you have to hire a Bryan student or alum, but it will give students and alums the opportunity to apply."

While Mrs. Fouts is busy dealing with the "usual" career services, she also is considering ways to improve opportunities for employers and job seekers to use her office. "We're looking at putting resumes on-line, doing an electronic job fair, maybe even opening a chat room on the web and having an employer in to do interviews that day. The possibilities are amazing."

Here are two ways Mrs. Fouts says you can help her today — and help other Bryan alumni:

Send your e-mail address to our on-line directory for quick notification of job possibilities, and mail her a card (Marlene Fouts, Bryan College Career Placement, PO Box 7000, Dayton, TN 37321-7000), send an e-mail ([careers@bryan.edu](mailto:careers@bryan.edu)) or fax a note (423-775-7330) with information about your company, including name, address, phone and e-mail and the name of the appropriate human resources personnel so she can begin to develop a relationship with them.

With the help — and participation — of alumni, the results can be amazing too.

Jenny Mathis, daughter of Bill and Phyllis Mathis of Rossville, Ga., was crowned queen and Ben Kreloff, son of Steven and Michele Kreloff of Clearwater, Fla., was named king during homecoming ceremonies at Bryan College recently. Jenny is a senior communication arts major who plays on the Lady Lions' basketball team and has taught in the Bible Education Ministry program. Ben is a senior business administration major, student government vice president for off-campus activities, a member of the Worldview Team and an admissions department ambassador. The homecoming queen and king are chosen by vote of the senior class.

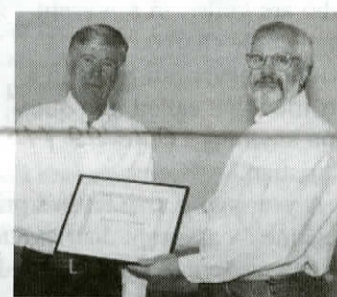


Members of the Alumni Choir make a joyful noise under the direction of Dr. David Luther during the homecoming program in the new Student Life Center cafeteria. Although the building was several months away from being finished at the time, alumni saw enough to give them an idea of the beautiful facility the building will be when it is completed. And they agreed that the choir sounded great in the new surroundings.

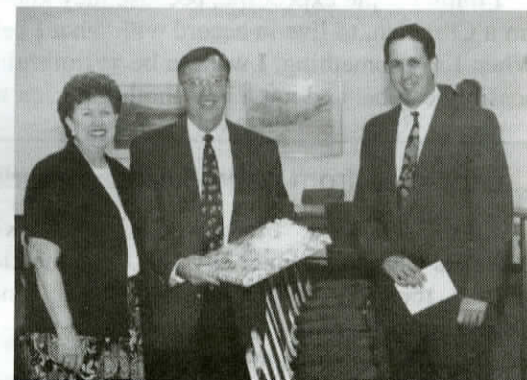


Brenda Wooten, who worked for more than 23 years at Bryan College in Support Services, the mail room and most recently as administrative assistant to Stu Meissner and Tom Kemner, vice presidents for college advancement, recently resigned to begin a business in Dayton. Mrs. Wooten resigned at the end of September, but Mr. Kemner asked her to stop by his office during the October Trustee's meeting when she was recognized by the board and was made an honorary alumna of the college. From left are President Bill Brown, Alumni Director Paul Ardelean who made the presentation, Mrs. Wooten and Mr. Kemner.

Bill Webb, maintenance electrician at Bryan since 1982, was named an honorary alumnus of the college at homecoming this fall. Alumni



Director Paul Ardelean said, "Bill has done everything from taking care of electrical problems to running cable for the campus computer network as part of his job. But more than that, he has touched the lives of many of the students who have worked with him over the years. His positive attitude has been a real encouragement to all of us." Outgoing Alumni Association President Bud Schatz, right, presented the honorary alumnus certificate to Mr. Webb.



Alumni Director Paul Ardelean was honored with a reception on his retirement effective Oct. 31. Paul completed 14 years of service to the college, serving as dean of men and alumni director. Pictured with Paul, center, are his wife Janie, '91x, and Vice President for College Advancement Tom Kemner.



New officers for the Alumni Association were introduced during homecoming in October. Pictured, from left, are Treasurer Don Efird, '88; President Steve Stewart, '85; outgoing Alumni Director Paul Ardelean, '55x; Past President Bud Schatz, '56; and committee on elections member Sharron Padgett, '87. Not pictured are President-elect Jan Balko, '75, '98; Vice President Bob Andrews, '67; Secretary Laura Kaufmann, '87; and committee on elections members Kari Ballentine, '91; and Becky Patterson, '96.



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## 40's

### Reunions

*Class of '44*  
Oct. '98 (55 years)

*Class of '49*  
May '98 (50 years)

## 50's

### Reunions

*Class of '54*  
Oct. '99 (45 years)

*Class of '59*  
July '99 (40 years)

**ERNIE, '52, and LOIS (CARTWRIGHT), '54X, LEE,** hosted a Bryan Alumni reunion in the Solomon Islands recently. Also attending were **JOHN BRUNER, '86; ANDY, '88, and KAY (POWELL)**



Michael and Kimberly Smith of Signal Mountain, Tenn., were named Alumni of the Year during Bryan College's homecoming ceremonies in October. Michael, '82, is a trust officer for AmSouth Bank in Chattanooga, and Kim, '85, teaches computer skills to kindergarten through second graders at Bachman Elementary in Chattanooga. The Smiths' support of Bryan began more than 10 years ago when they were living in Atlanta and worked with the annual phonathon raising scholarship funds for students. When they moved to the Chattanooga area they became more involved with the college, and this spring Mike was appointed to the college board of trustees. Mike and Kim are pictured with former Alumni Director Paul Ardelean.



John Bruner, Kay and Andy Bruner, front. Back are Ernie and Lois Lee and Karen and James Ashley.

Bible Translators while serving at the JAARS Center at Waxhaw, N.C., She works in the personnel department to coordinate the various tasks performed by volunteers

**BRUNER, '88; JAMES, '81, and KAREN (CROWDER), '80, ASHLEY.**

**AUDREY MAYER, '54,** continues her ministry with Wycliffe

who go to Waxhaw for short periods as part of the support team. Last summer Audrey visited eastern Kentucky to attend a reunion of the Bethel Children's Home where she had taught more than 40 years ago. It was an "incredible experience" to meet some of those who were children in her classes and are now parents and/or grandparents. She also visited Bryan College in November.

**JOHN, '54, and JOYCE (JOHNSON), '54, RATHBUN** have joined the ranks of retirees having concluded their ministry with TEAM after 36 years of service—22 years in Korea and 14 years as TEAM representative in the south-central states. Since retiring they have visited their son **JOHN MARK, '80,** and his wife, **DEBBIE (HENRY), '80, RATHBUN** and their

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two children for three weeks in Fairbanks, Alaska, to go deep-sea fishing, play golf, and pick gallons of raspberries and pails of wild blueberries. A few months later they flew to Rubio, Venezuela, for a three-week visit with son Jim and wife, Kimberly, and granddaughter Hannah. Daughter Joanna joined them for a tour of a coffee plant, swimming in late December and observing Jim and Kimberly in the ministry in school.

**LLOYD**, '58, and Marilyn **DOW**, who live in Kalamazoo, Mich., are enjoying retirement serving with Pioneer Missions in Orlando, Fla., for four months each year. Lloyd was a teacher and principal in Michigan for 32 years. The Dows have three children and two grandchildren.

**BONNIE PRATT**, '58, moved to Redding, Calif., from Minnesota where she had served with the Evangelical Free Church Mission for six years. Earlier she had served with TEAM for over 30 years, working in the Wheaton, Ill., headquarters. Her e-mail address is BonniePratt@compuserve.com.

Gary and **ALICE (TOBELMANN)**, '59, **FREDRICKS** returned to Nairobi, Kenya, after a pleasant summer visit with family and friends in the U.S. This year they have 130 students at the Nairobi Theological Seminary, with Alice teaching "Principles of Biblical Counseling" and Gary teaching Old Testament classes. They were in the States when the bombing of the American embassy took place in Nairobi, and many of the NIST students have been involved in trauma counseling of those who lost loved ones.

## 60's

### Reunions

*Class of '64*  
Oct. '99 (35 years)

*Class of '68*  
July '99 (30 years)

**LEE**, '60, and Irene **TEMPLES** have retired in Sanford, Fla., from their many years of missionary support ministry under New Tribes Mission in Venezuela. They planned a trip to visit family and friends from Florida to Wisconsin during October and part of November. They shared in the fall Bryan Alumni Homecoming as part of their itinerary.

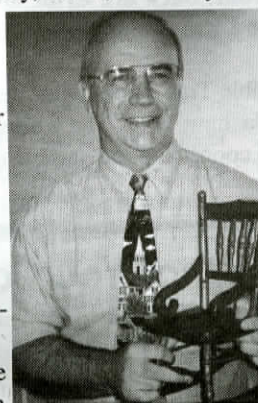
**ALTA JEAN (GREEN) WEIR**, '64X, and Farrel **GARNAND** were united in marriage on July 18, 1998, at Weir Memorial Chapel at Oxford Graduate School in Dayton, Tenn. They make their home in Hixson, Tenn.

**JANIE VOSS**, '65, visited in the U.S. last summer to spend time with her daughter, Kim, son-in-law Michael, and their two children. Together they visited relatives in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. Janie also spent time

with daughter Andrea, who will be living this year with Janie's sister in Minnesota. Janie returned to her teaching second and third grade children, from seven countries at Faith Academy in Manila, Philippines.

**JIM BOOTH**, '67, and his wife, Patty, recently moved to Montague, Mich., from Ooltewah, Tenn., where he accepted the position of Superintendent of the Montague Area Public Schools. Jim had served as a principal in the Hamilton County, Tenn., school system.

**KEN HURLEY**, '68, received the Thelma Raley Teaching Chair at Polk Community College in Winter Haven, Fla., where he is professor of mathematics. Ken was honored in part for his work on a remedial mathematics course he taught, which won the college national recognition. Students supporting his nomination for the teaching chair award said, "In



Ken Hurley

the classroom, Mr. Hurley is enthusiastic as well as entertaining," and, "He is a master at being able to take a mathematics problem and break it down into smaller parts. He is a very creative instructor." Ken has taught math for 30 years, most of that at the high school and community college level. His wife, **ALICE (COLVIN)**, '69, **HURLEY**, teaches math at Stambaugh Middle School in Polk County, Fla.

Richard and **NITA (KARGES)**, '68, **PAPWORTH** rejoice in the radio ministry of which they are a part as it is broadcast in the Persian language to Iran. They have two daily 30-minute programs from FEBA Radio in Seychelles. Recently they began broadcasting from a one-million watt AM station in a nearby country in Asia which beams one hour of Persian-language programs each day.

Steve and **RUTH (VANDERMOLLEN)**, '69x, **PORTER** are operating a dental clinic in Miango, Nigeria, Africa, and are completing a major renovation of the clinic area to provide for their new equipment. Problems have been encountered with power surges and/or failures, so Steve has been working on stabilizing the power both for their home and clinic. Their son, Matthew, has enrolled at Hillcrest School as a sophomore this year but lives at home. Ruth continues to teach Nathan and Angie at home.

**RAY PARKER**, '69, has been appointed Dean for Curriculum Development at Trinity College and Theological Seminary, Mewburgh, Ind. His e-mail address is 75413.214@compuserve.com.

## 70's

### Reunions

*Class of '74*  
Oct. '99 (25 years)

*Class of '79*  
July '99 (20 years)

Des and **LYNNE (STEVENS)**, '71, **HARPER** from their home in Halesowen, West Midlands, England, continue their ministry among Asians. Des returned to the LUKE training center as head of training, aided by three colleagues with a new group of 18 trainees for a three-month evangelism explosion program. Des is also coordinator for ethnic ministries with four couples and one single man seeking to reach Asians including some Muslims in their area. Their oldest child, Sean, attends Asbury College. Their daughter, Sheila, and son, Dale, were baptized along with 19 other young people following the OM teen camp in August.

**PAUL**, '72, and **ANNETTE (HENDERSON)**, '73, **HAYWARD** have been pleased with interest in their Christian bookstore in Empangeni, South Africa, especially with the requests for Bibles. A small church offered to pay for Zulu Bibles for a pastor who needs Bibles for open-air meetings and evangelizing in a high crime area.

**DELANA (CROSTHWAITE) BICE**, '74, and her husband, Paul, recently completed a faith promise banquet for their Christian school, Cypress Community Christian School in Texas, during which they doubled the previous year's results, raising over \$310,000 in cash and pledges. Delana and Paul own and operate Bice and Associates Realty in the greater Houston, Tex., area.

**ELLEN (SMITH) ROYAL**, '75, writes on her way home from taking Ashley Jr. to Wheaton College for his freshman year that she reminisced with her own children about her feelings, thoughts and experiences as her parents left her at Bryan College 27 years ago. As her oldest begins college Ellen returns to teaching math at Covenant Academy in Macon, Ga., after 20 years of being at home. **NANCY (BUGG) BOLTON**, '74, returns to the classroom after 12 years to teach math at Covenant. The Boltons moved to Macon from Griffin, Ga. Ellen was able to travel this summer to Norway, Sweden, Finland and St. Petersburg, Russia, with **DR. JOHN**, '83H, and **RUTH**, '83H, **BARTLETT**, who led the tour group which included several alumni and Bryan neighbors from Dayton.

**ROBERT**, '75, and **MARILEE (POOLE)**, '72, **WHISMAN** moved this summer to a home in Dayton, about 30 miles from Cedine Bible Mission where they



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have been serving. The move was prompted by closer proximity to high school and Grace Bible Church for the family. Bob has begun working at an industrial plant near Spring City and relinquished his work at Cedine. Marilee is caring for her mother, Margaret Poole, in their home.

**PETER, '74, and SARIANNE, '73, TRINH** with their three children have taken up residence in Beijing, China, with Peter's business visa for a year's stay. Their main business is to "be available vessels for the Master's use" and with their knowledge of the Chinese language to mingle with the people there. They are homeschooling their children with the aid of another family, and the children are being tutored in Chinese so they will appreciate their roots and can identify with their people. The family plans to visit their home area of Dallas during December.

Nard and **SANDRA (NEUMANN), '75, PUGYAO** are stationed at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw, NC, but Nard was scheduled for a fall tour with Wycliffe Associates in Michigan and Ohio until Nov. 7. Sandy is homeschooling their son, Phillip, in the tenth grade, and he is also taking band and a weightlifting course at Charlotte Christian Academy. Their older son, Stephen, joined the U.S. Army with a specialty in the Infantry Airborne. He has been assigned to Anchorage, Alaska, for a three-year stay.

**DENNIS, '77, and RENA (HANNA), '77, MET-ZGER** spent more than two months in the States to bring their daughter, April, to start at Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. They returned to Argentina in September to renew their efforts with the local people from two churches to complete a church building which was started on Easter Sunday 1997.

**ROBERT PETERSON, '78**, has written a book, *Patriots, Pirates and Pineys: Sixty Who Shaped New Jersey*, published by Plexus Publishing, Inc., 143 Old Marlton Pike, Medford, NJ 08055. Robert is an educator, journalist, historian and avid sportsman. The author of more than 1,000 articles, he serves as headmaster of The Pilgrim Academy in Egg Harbor City, N. J., where he lives with his wife, Susanna, and their seven children.

**VICKI (MERRITT) TAYLOR, '78**, recently won two blue ribbons at the Hamilton County, Tenn., Fair. Vicki entered the fair in 1995, the first year after she and husband **KIMBALL, '78**, moved to Hamilton County from Rhea County. Kim is the pharmacist at the Dayton Wal-Mart. He enjoys grilling food marinated in family recipes. They were both featured in the Food Section of the *Chattanooga Free Press* on Sept. 1.

## 80's

### Reunions

*Class of '84*  
Oct. '99 (15 years)

*Class of '89*  
July '99 (10 years)

**MARK, '80, and Maritza PADGETT** have been teaching a course at the ESEPA seminary in San Jose, Costa Rica, where they live with their two daughters, Rachel and Stacy. Outside the seminary, they teach a course at the Torchbearer School. Mark is a member of the Costa Rican Adopt-a-People Group Committee to help the Costa Rican church reach out with the Gospel to the approximately 11,000 people groups in the world who have not heard of Jesus Christ. Mark has also preached at three missionary conferences recently and has taught two classes on "Perspectives on Missions" for the Evangelical Missionary Federation of Costa Rica. As a family they participated in ministerial training in a town about seven hours away.

**MARK, '80, and Candy GARRETT** in Thies, Senegal, serve with SIM USA and are happy to have Candy's sister and husband in Angola become a part of the same mission through the merging of Africa Evangelical Fellowship with SIM. More than 300 AEF missionaries in several African countries are included in this merger. Mark has been teaching English to eight Muslims, using Bible stories. When Mark read Genesis 2 in their own Wolof language, they responded with understanding, which hopefully will encourage them in the use of their mother tongue. On May 1 (Labor Day, a holiday in Senegal), the mission team hosted a conference for Wolof-speaking Christians.

Nathan and **ANITA (JAGGERS), '80, STRAND** continue to live and work in Chicago but are leaving Inner City Impact, as Nathan has joined the Moody Bible Institute staff as an administrator in the Practical Christian Ministries department. This department sends 1,500 students out weekly during the school year to different agencies and churches throughout the Chicago area. Nathan's role at Moody will be to connect students to churches and agencies around Chicago. The family address is still 1935 N. Mozart, Chicago, IL. 60647.

**SHEILA BARBER, '80**, recently returned from leading a short-term mission team to Recife, Brazil. They did construction, medical and dental work as well as evangelism with the children and revival services in the evening. Sheila is pursuing a Master's degree in Bible/Theology.

**DOUG, '81X, and DIANE (SPRINGER), '83, FOSTER**, write that they are living in Fairgrove, Mich.,

where Doug is a builder and Diane is the publisher of the town newspaper. They have four children.

**HOWARD, '82, and Ann BURGOYNE**, announce the arrival in Bellevue, Wash., of Terra Nerissa, on Sept. 4. She joins big brother, Taylor, 8 1/2.

**BRENDA (JACOBS) KOPP, '82**, writes that the family was able to go to Madagascar for two months this summer to teach English as a second language. On the way home they enjoyed five days in Kenya, going on a safari and fun activities in Nairobi. Brenda is a stay-at-home mom to Stephen, 7, Andrew, 5, and Benjamin, 2. Bob works at ServiceMaster as an accountant. They live in Carol Stream, Ill.

**MARK, '83, and Marcia KARKI**, write to update their family information. Mark and Marcia (Cross) were married May 5, 1990. Their son, Chandler Elliott, was born on Feb. 19, 1997. Mark continues as minister of music at McMinnville, Tenn., First Baptist Church.

**DICK, '83, and SARA (MURDOCK), '83, HART** are serving with SIM in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Dick is teaching Old Testament Survey at the Bible Institute and decided to teach at least partly in Quechua, the language he has been studying for some time. He is teaching a second course on the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit in Spanish, with which he is comfortable. Recently he was named director of the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program for the Evangelical Christian Union of SIM churches in Bolivia. TEE seeks to train leaders through home study courses and weekly small group meetings. Sara continues to work with the puppet team as an outreach to others and also a discipleship ministry to team members. She also gives workshops in churches and records scripts for puppet presentations, as well as managing the family including Daniel and David.

**RICK, '83x, and KIM (FIORI), '83, PARKER** returned to Brazil and their school teaching, refreshed after several months in the U.S. Rick is teaching Christian leadership along with his vocational classes and Kim is busy running the school kitchen, teaching Phys. Ed, working with the mission family group and keeping up with three Parker boys — their sons are Matt and Greg.

Nick and **LORI (TREBING), '84, SENOFISKY**, who serve with East-West Ministries, International, live in Houston, Texas, with their children, William, Joshua and Lauren. Last April Nick taught in a Bible conference in Kursk, Russia, about 350 miles south of Moscow. Seeing a need for a pastoral training center in Kursk, he is helping Igor Petrov, senior pastor of Grace Evangelical Baptist Church, to start that center in his church. This fall Nick returned to Kursk with two other teachers to help begin a pastoral training institute.

Ray and **ANN (EGNER), '84, BYLE**, announce the arrival of Jay David on April 11. He joins sisters Gabrielle, 7, and Abigail, 5. Ann is a free lance writer.

**PIPPA (MAXWELL), '84, and Jonathan ASKER** announce the birth of Maxwell James on Sept. 20. He joins Samantha, 8, Oliver, 5, and Sophia, 3. Jonathan has a real estate appraisal firm in West Bridgewater,



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Mass., where they live. Pippa is a full-time mom.

**MIKE, '85**, and Tricia **ALFORD** had a great time hosting AIA U.S. sports teams in Capetown, South Africa, including women's volleyball, men's basketball, and baseball teams. In all there were 51 people on the three teams, 45 games and matches, 28 clinics, 15 other outreaches, 6,600 people exposed to the Gospel, and 400 decisions for Christ. Mike had the opportunity to be the television announcer for the South African Premier Basketball League for games in Johannesburg and Durban. He hopes to have the Christian NBA video called "Give Me the Rock" shown on national TV. The Alford's big news is the arrival of Jessica in mid-October to join excited siblings Megan and Taylor.

**JOHN, '86**, and **KARIN (FARY), '84, CARPENTER** have established their home and work in Dayton, Tenn., with their three children, Jay, 6, Andrew, 4, and Katherine, 2. John is editor of Rhea County's newspaper, *The Herald-News*. Karin has worked with her mother, Lucia Fary, in real estate sales and is now taking over her mother's clients in the firm of Best Realty. She has won several awards, including two Best of Show awards in the Better Homes and Gardens National Marketing Contest.

**BOB, '86**, and **AMY (BECKHAM), '87, HAY**, write from Japan that their sons, Alan, third grade, and Andy, second grade, began school the first week of September.

**DAVID LINES, '87**, writes that he married Grace Blaauw in 1994. They have two sons, Asher, 2, and Stefan, born in May 1998.

David received his Ph.D. in 1997 from Harvard University. His dissertation is in Medieval and

Renaissance Italian history. He is a visiting scholar at the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Natural Philosophy, based at the Catholic University of Nijmegen, Netherlands. Next year they will move to Munich, Germany, where he has a Humboldt Fellowship for one to two years. Their e-mail address is lines@phil.kun.nl.

**SCHAUN, '87**, and **DARLENE (MIDDLETON), '86, MYERS** announce the birth of their third daughter, Brooke Elizabeth, on July 19. Brooke weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 21 inches long. She joins sisters Jessica and Brittany.

**KERI (BAKER), '87**, and Donald **JACKOWSKI**, welcomed Ethan Kelly to their home on Oct. 8. Ethan weighed just over 10 pounds and joins brother, Simon, who is 21 months old. They all live in Kansas City, Mo.

Dennis and **CELESTA (BEACHY), '88, RICHARDSON** live in Anchorage, Alaska. In August

they had their annual native picnic despite windy weather. A group of musicians with guitars led in singing hymns and gospel songs and several believers gave testimonies about victories gained through Christ. Another summer highlight was Rapids Bible Camp held for two weeks with young people from several villages. In the first week, 11 young people accepted Jesus as Savior. Dennis was asked to take the position of administrative director of the organization, Native Men for Christ. They plan several major evangelistic outreaches to native villages for next year. The Richardsons serve with InterAct Ministries headquartered in Oregon.

**SUSAN KLAUS, '88**, upon her return from ministry in Ukraine, moved into a house she purchased in Mesquite, Texas. Her e-mail address is susanklaus@juno.com.

**MARK, '89** and Ernestine **HOFFER** announce the birth of Ruthanne Louise on July 18, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Mark continues to work at Advance Machine and was recently promoted to sergeant on the Green Oak Township Fire Department.

**ALAN, '89**, and **BETH (HANNA), '91, McMANUS** had a visit from thieves who broke into their home in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and took quite a number of items while the McManuses were in church. They are thankful to have had no personal injury and that their computer was left. About two weeks later they were involved in the storm that passed through Honduras when thousands of people lost their homes and many were killed. Several factors including closed schools, lack of water and food, lack of sanitation service and no propane fuel, made it advisable for the family including young Cameron to leave on Nov. 7 to go to Indiana to be with Beth's family. They plan to return to Honduras on Jan. 1, 1999.

trust that Anna Beth will enjoy having a playmate.

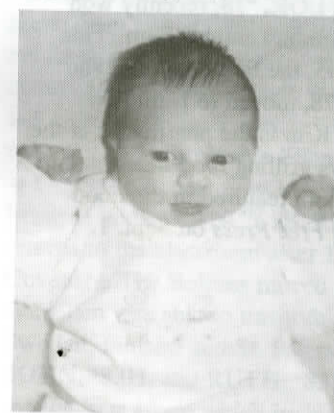
**ROBERT, '91**, and **KARIS (WHITE), '90, KOEHN** traveled to Brazil with stops in Brasilia and Sao Paulo to visit with friends and the Africa Inland Mission Brazil committee. They were scheduled to fly to South Africa and then to Zimbabwe to be met by AIM missionaries. Their destination is Mozambique, but they needed to secure visas in Zimbabwe and have mail sent there. E-mail: koehnsNmoz@maf.org

**RONA HALCOMB, '91**, and her partner, Cathy, have been busy visiting those who came to the deaf camp in July. They have found several other deaf people to whom they can minister. They are interpreting hymns and choruses for the deaf along with the message at the First Baptist Church in Cuiaba, Brazil. They plan to teach the deaf Sunday school class and work with Brazilian interpreters to take turns teaching the class. Rona had a month's visit at home until Sept. 23 to visit family and friends and attend a MTW retreat with all the Latin America missionaries.

**EVERETT, '92**, and **SUSAN (EFIRD), '91, BRACKEN** announce the arrival of Daniel Everett on May 2, in Stone Mountain, Ga. He joins sister Lauren, 4. Everett was scheduled to begin work on his Master of Divinity degree at Bethel Seminary in November through distance learning.

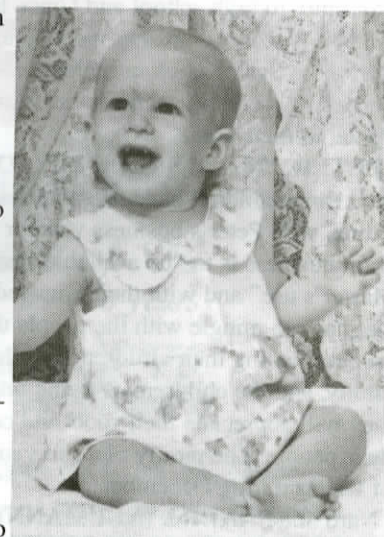
**JONATHAN, '92**, and **KAYLA (BUCHLEITER), '92, GREEN** announce the birth of Kiley Jessica on Sept. 7, in Dayton, Tenn.

**MARK, '92**, and **NATALIE, (CAWOOD), '97, CRUVER** announce the birth of Seth David Cruver on Nov. 3. Seth weighed 8 lbs, 5 oz and was 21 inches long. Mark is the assistant director of admissions at Bryan College and Natalie is a full-time mom.



Seth David Cruver

**MANDY (AMIS), '92**, and **ELIOT, '93, ISTRE**, announce the birth of Evelyn Grace on Aug. 2.



Anna Beth Urban

## 90's

### Reunions

Class of '93  
Oct. '98 (5 years)

**DAVID BANKS, '90**, director of LifeLine Counseling Center in Hixson, Tenn., led two marriage courses at Word of Life Church in Hixson. Dr. Banks, who has a Ph.D. in Christian Psychology, developed the courses. David is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors and is a board member of AAA Women's Services. David and **SYLVIA (SUGANANDAM), '89**, live in Ringgold, Ga., with their sons, Benjamin, 5, and Caleb, 2.

**ANITA (REUTER) URBAN, '90**, and husband Bob, write on the occasion of their daughter's first birthday that they are expecting another child in February. They



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Evelyn Grace Istre, left, and Benjamin Isaiah Trammell

Benjamin Isaiah, born on Sept. 5, 1998, to STEVE, '94, and LYN (AMIS), '94, TRAMMELL, came to visit his new cousin from Pontiac, Mich., where he lives and where Steve

works as a programmer for EDS.

EVE (STONE), '92, and David RICHARDS were married in Knoxville, Tenn., on Sept. 20, 1997. Bryan alumni in attendance were

CLAY, '95 and PORTIA (STONE), '93, CAUSEY; CHRISTINE (MASSEY) DAVIS, '91; JENNIFER NAVE, '98X; MICHELE



RICHARDS, '93X; David John Richards V JOHN, '67, and PHYLLIS (HORTON), '67, STONE; and PETER STONE, '96. David and Eve also announce the birth of their first child, David John Richards V, on July 8.

LEE ANN (MILLER), '93, and David JAMES, were married on September 5, in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

MATT FRITZ, '94, received his MA in history from Middle Tennessee State University in August. His thesis is titled "James K. Polk and John Bell in the Nullification Crisis of 1832-33." Matt is employed in management with Ruby Tuesday, Inc.

HUGH DWYER, '95X, is a special education teacher in Southampton, Pa., and a high school varsity basketball coach.

MICHAEL, '96, and Hollie GILMAN, announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Michael, on Sept. 5, in Richmond, Va.

JODI HADLOCK, '96, writes from Merritt Island, Fla., where she is in her third year of teaching kindergarten at Merritt Island Christian School. Jodi also coaches junior high girl's volleyball and basketball. She plans to be married in May 1999.

MATT VANDER WALL, '97, is living in Fort Collins, Colo., where he works in the family insurance business. Matt met Emily Wehrle at church in Denver and they plan to marry on June 26, 1999, in Fort Collins.

JESSICA RITTERBUSH, '98, began her teaching career as a sixth grade teacher at Bess T. Shepherd Elementary School in the Hamilton County (Tenn.) school system.



Charles and Brooke Fox

CHARLES FOX, '98, and BROOKE SHEPARD, '97, were married Aug. 29, in Winter Park, Fla. They live in Venice, Fla., where Charles is an account representative for Lanier Worldwide. Their home address is 3861 Woodmere

Park, Blvd., Building 12-06, Venice, Fla., 34293.

SONYA MARTINEZ, '98, is teaching at Island Christian School in Islamorada, Fla. She is teaching ninth to 12-grade Spanish and seventh- and eighth-grade English. She also will work with the basketball program.

JULIE (HILL), '99X, and Greg MATEYOKE were married on Dec. 27, 1997, and are living in Lexington, Ky., where Julie is finishing her degree in psychology and Greg his degree in pharmacology.

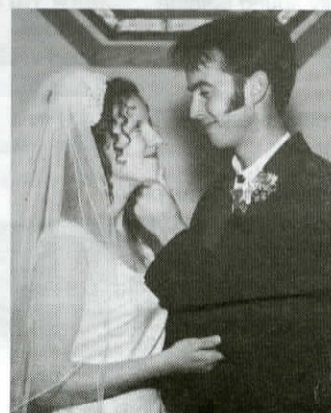
TIMOTHY STEWART, '99X, and Angela Hall were married on July 18, 1998, at Calvary Baptist Church in Graysville, Tenn. They make their home in Flushing, Mich.



Jackson wedding party

TODD JACKSON, '95 and JULIE GAYLOR, '92, were married May 16, in Columbus, Ga. Several Bryan alumni were involved in the ceremony. Pictured, from left, front, JOHN SPEARS, '95; ANDY JONES, '93; JEFF JENNINGS, '94; BRIAN MCDONALD, '94. Second row, DANNY TERRY, '94; JENNIFER (GAYLOR) VAUGHN, '95X; KOLLEN (HOEY) LONG, '93; BETH (POWELL) ROGERS, '94X; TODD JACKSON, '95; JULIE (GAYLOR) JACKSON, '92; CRIS-HANA (PATTERSON) LORITSCH, '93X; ANGIE (GRIGGS) SPEARS, '94; KIMBERLY (LUTHER) DOTTERER, '93; CHERIE (WATKINS) ROPP, '80. Back, CYNDI (NEATH-

ERY) SHIFREL, '93X; DEAN ROPP, '81; and TRAVIS DOTTERER, '93. Not pictured are MICHAEL, '93, and WHITNEY (LEE) SMITH. Todd and Julie live in Cumming, Ga. Todd works for the Drew Eckel and Farnham law firm as their human resource coordinator and Julie works for SunTrust Bank in Atlanta in their residential construction lending department. Their new address is 4540 Canterbury Ct., Cumming, Ga 30040.



Bryan and Cynthia Duncan

CYNTHIA KIT-TLE, '98 and Bryan Duncan were married Oct. 10, at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Dunlap, Tenn. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father. The couple is living in Dayton, Tenn while Bryan is finishing his education at Bryan College.

## WITH THE LORD

DELLA FIREBAUGH DAUGHERTY, '48, died in April, 1998. She was sister to WYMAN FIRE-BAUGH, '52.

WILLIAM BRECKBILL, '49, died May 5, in Latrobe, Pa.

MORRIS MORGAN, '51, died Aug. 23, in Largo, Fla.

NAOMI McCARRELL, '73, died Sept. 18, in Ringgold, Ga. She was a CPA. Her father, ROBERT McCARRELL, '55, preceded her in death.

ARTHUR PFLUG, '54, officiated at the ceremony. She is survived by her mother, Genevieve, and sister, ANNA (McCARRELL) VARNELL, '76.

THOMAS ENGLESMAN, '64X, died Sept. 12.

TIMOTHY ISBELL, '70X, died Sept. 12.

Mary Louise, wife of GARRY BARNHART, '77, died Oct. 15, in Washington, Pa.

STELLA (EURE) PIERCE, '51X, died July 29, in Chesapeake, Va. She was a retired elementary school teacher.

ROBERT R. JOHNSON, '60X, died July 21, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was retired from Cornerstone College and had been employed by Radio Bible Class.



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